Class Domination Theory

Upper Class

(Economic Class and Social Class)

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Common economic interests/common world view

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controls

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Economic System

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means

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corporate community

ownership, directors, upper level management, strategic alliances, producer networks

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controls

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Political System

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Means

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Power Networks (4)

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Special Interest Process

Goal: influence decision making

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Candidate Selection Process

Goal: select candidate who represents interests of upper class

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Policy Planning Process

Goal: develop public policy and legislation in interests of upper class

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Opinion Shaping Process

Goal: manufacture consent of public

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Power Indicators

(Who governs? Who wins? Who benefits?)

Constellation of Power

Economic System

(Division of labor, market, means of production)

Christian Right ↑

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Military-Industrial Complex ← Corporate Power Political System

(positions, influence, financing)

Law/Criminal Justice

Ideological Institutions

Mass Media

(ownership, customers)

Education